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Statement in Support of Measure Z, June 5, 2012

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Community Service Area 1 (CSA 1) was established in 1957 to provide enhanced fire service for the San Mateo Highlands and other neighborhoods in the unincorporated area to the east of Polhemus Road. When the district was created, a share of the CSA 1 residents property taxes was dedicated to paying for enhanced fire service which was provided by CalFire. In 1966, extra patrols by the County Sheriff were requested by the community and paid through the CSA 1 property tax allocation.

Today, CSA 1 pays for a 24/7 fire engine located at the Tower Road station. CalFire staffs the engine with two firefighters and a Paramedic. CSA 1 also pays for patrol service by a Deputy Sheriff, 7 days a week 18 hours a day.

In 1982, CSA 1 residents voted to assess themselves up to \$110 a year in additional property taxes to fully fund their enhanced police and fire services. Since 1982, the actual assessment has been \$65 a parcel. The \$65 tax has been consistently renewed by the voters every four or five years since 1982. The current parcel tax expires on June 30, 2012.

Measure Z on the June ballot extends the \$65 CSA 1 parcel tax another four years. To pass, the measure must be supported by 2/3 of the voters.

For over fifty years, the CSA 1 residents have enjoyed the exceptional fire and police services provided by CalFire and the County Sheriff. We encourage all CSA 1 residents to vote YES on Measure Z to continue to fully fund our enhanced police and fire protection another four years.

The undersigned authors of the primary argument in favor of ballot proposition Z at the election for Community Service Area 1 to be held on June 5, 2012 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Signed

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